

Judicial
County Court
County Civil Traffic

Seminole County

Mission

To provide convenient, efficient adjudication of civil traffic infractions for citizens of Seminole County.

Business Strategy

In 1995, the Traffic Infraction Hearing Officer Program was established in Seminole County. The program allows for traffic infraction hearings to be conducted at several convenient locations throughout Seminole County in municipalities such as Altamonte Springs, Lake Mary, Sanford and Winter Springs. Attorneys are specially trained as hearing officers to act in place of county court judges to conduct these hearings. The convenient locations make it easier for the public and law enforcement to appear for the hearings.

Some of the benefits from the program are as follows: (1) travel times required to attend the hearings are reduced, (2) law enforcement can therefore spend more time patrolling communities and less time travelling to appear at the hearings. Program funding is provided through a state grant-in-aid and user fees collected in the form of court costs.

Objectives

Utilize courthouse facilities efficiently and relieve the excessive caseloads on the county courts.

Performance Measures

	<u>FY 00/01 Actual</u>	<u>FY 01/02 Estimated</u>	<u>FY 02/03 Goal</u>
Citations issued	88,223	94,854	90,924
Citations heard	7,417	7,602	7,725

